



## “ PLOTTING YOUR LIFE ”

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STORYTELLING  
BASICS  
Inspired by  
Beyonce  
Song  
'FORMATION'

Describe a life-changing situation that occurred *after* you consciously plotted a series of actions (*planned the steps you would take*) in hopes of reaching a desired outcome.

Did the way you plotted your actions help you reach that outcome? Explain what happened and what you learned.

**LIFE TIP:** When *plotting* actions in your own life, remember that you can never determine the outcome — you can only try to guide events in the direction you prepare for. Making a plan (or *plot*) gives you motivation to act. Once you do, you must contend with all the real-life factors that come your way. Stay alert and curious about everything that appears along your way. **ASK YOURSELF:**

*Can this somehow be incorporated into my plot — even if it means changing my plan — because it expands or improves what I now see is possible in terms of outcomes ?*

**WRITING TIP: SAME AS ABOVE !** Outline your plot, but as you write and research, allow yourself to be surprised by new ideas for how to get to your climax and conclusion, *and let those things also change on your journey to them.*

*“There’s an old rule of theater that goes, ‘If there’s a gun on the mantel in ACT I, it must go off in ACTIII.’ The reverse is also true.” - Stephen King, Author*

